

Claims 29 through 48 are presented for examination, with Claims 29 and 43 being the only independent claims. Claims 1 through 28 have been canceled. Claims 29 through 47 are newly presented to accord Applicants an additional scope of protection. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

The specification, Abstract, have been amended to conform to amendments made in the parent application. Again, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Also filed concurrently herewith is a Letter Forwarding Corrected Sheets of the Drawings, along with five sheets of formal drawings, which were filed in the above-referenced parent application.

In addition, enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement Under along with Form 1449 citing documents that were cited in the parent application.

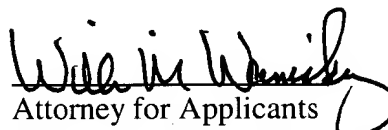
Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon Japanese Priority Application No. 206789 filed August 31, 1994, and respectfully requests acknowledgment of this claim for priority and of receipt of the certified copy of the priority document, which were filed December 15, 1995, in the parent application.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants request favorable consideration and early passage to issuance of the above-identified application at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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